

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 339 – School Vehicle Transportation Safety (LSB SF339.2411)
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Fiscal Note Version – As Amended by House Education Committee Amendment **H-8003**

Description

Senate File 339, as amended by **H-8003**, makes changes to inspections for vehicles used to transport students.

Background

Currently, only school buses are required to be inspected by the Department of Education (DE). This amendment expands the requirement for inspections to include all vehicles used to transport children. Amendment **H-8003** specifies all vehicles and buses, that receive an out-of-service violation, are subject to a subsequent inspection by the department within 30 days. Out-of-service violations are items (including but not limited to bald tires, cracked brake linings, stop arms not operational, burned out warning lights or headlights) that must be fixed before the vehicle can be used for student transportation. If a vehicle does not pass a subsequent inspection and receives an out-of-service violation, it is removed from service until the vehicle passes inspection. Additionally, this amendment specifies that the State Board of Education will adopt rules defining out-of-service violations and establish a procedure for returning the vehicles to service.

The amendment specifies an individual that knowingly falsifies an inspection record for a school bus or vehicle determined to have an out-of-service violation, has committed a simple misdemeanor.

Assumptions

- The Department of Education estimates 1,200 additional vehicles will be inspected twice each year.
- Based on historical data, approximately 120 (10.0%) of the additional vehicles inspected will be found to have an out-of-service violation and be subject to a subsequent inspection twice each year.
- Based on the last full inspection year, 1,498 (10.0% of total inspections) school buses will be found to have an out-of-service violation and require a subsequent inspection.
- The DE inspection fee is \$40.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact to the State General Fund.

The estimated statewide total cost to local school districts is estimated to be \$165,520. The average cost per school district is estimated to be \$478.

Correctional Impact

Refer to the **Correctional Impact Memo** dated January 30, 2014, for information related to correctional penalties of a simple misdemeanor. This amendment will have a minimal correctional impact.

Sources

Department of Education
Iowa Administrative Code, [281 – 43.30](#)

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The fiscal note for this bill was prepared pursuant to [Joint Rule 17](#) and the Iowa Code. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Fiscal Services Division of the Legislative Services Agency upon request.
